

CONGRATULATORY MOTION.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon:—Mr. President, Sir, the motion I have the proud privilege of placing before the House runs thus:—
"This Council requests its Hon'ble President to convey to His Highness the Maharaja, the Council's loyal and respectful congratulations to His Highness on the conferment on His Highness of the high honour of the Knight Grand Commandership of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire."

I am perfectly aware that no words of mine are necessary to commend this motion to your whole-hearted and enthusiastic acceptance. But it may not be proper to omit mentioning the peculiar and intrinsic obligation this Council owes to His Highness for the valued and valuable privileges that His Highness was graciously pleased to confer upon this House so soon after His Highness' accession to the throne of His illustrious ancestors. We ought to be grateful to His Highness for the various beneficent acts that His Highness has been graciously pleased to confer upon the people in general of which perhaps this is not the time and place to expatiate upon. It is sufficient for me to say that they have been so numerous and momentous that even His Imperial Majesty has been pleased to take those acts into consideration and confer a very highly valued honour upon His Highness so soon after His Highness' accession. I cannot conclude without referring to one devoted action of His Highness which shows the whole-hearted sympathy and the loving care that His Highness retains with regard to the welfare and happiness of His Highness' subjects. You remember His Highness speaking at Madras said that His Highness ventured upon that long tour at a time when people perhaps were expected to take rest solely in the interests and in the belief that it will conduce to the welfare and happiness of his subjects. Gentlemen, I need not go further into the matter. With these humble words I crave your whole-hearted and enthusiastic acceptance of this resolution.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:—Sir, while associating myself with all the sentiments expressed by the Hon'ble mover about His Highness the Maharaja, I most respectfully beg to point out that this motion is not in order. But if you hold that it is it may be passed without discussion.

President:—It is entirely in order.

The resolution was passed, all members standing.

President:—I have very great pleasure in communicating to His Highness the resolution of this House.